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NOTICE OF DECISION

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT
NUMBER NEV0087065

Newmont Mining Corporation
North Area Leach Project

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection has decided to issue renewal Water Pollution Control Permit NEV0087065 to Newmont Mining Corporation. This renewal permit authorizes the construction, operation, and closure of approved mining facilities in Eureka County. The Division has been provided with sufficient information, in accordance with Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.350 through NAC 445A.447, to assure the Division that the groundwater quality will not be degraded by this operation, and that public safety and health will be protected.

The renewal permit will become effective 01 June 2004. The final determination of the Administrator may be appealed to the State Environmental Commission pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 445A.605 and NAC 445A.407. All requests for appeals must be filed by 5:00 PM, 27 May 2004, on Form 3, with the State Environmental

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Commission, 333 West Nye Lane, Capitol Complex, Carson City, Nevada 89706-0851. For more information, contact Miles Shaw at (775) 687-9409, toll free in Nevada at (800) 992-0900, extension 4670, or visit the Division website at www.ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm.

A comment letter in support of the Project was received from the Elko Board of County Commissioners.